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Prior to starting Iggy, Rick served for 15 years as the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for 21st Century Fox. Until its purchase by Disney, 21st Century Fox was one of the world's premier entertainment companies with a portfolio of cable, broadcast, film, pay TV and satellite assets spanning six continents across the globe. As Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Rick was responsible for coordinating the development and implementation of the Company's public policy activities. He also served as the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the 21st Century FOX Political Action Committee (FOXPAC).

Before joining 21st Century Fox (formally known as "News Corporation"), Rick was the Director of Congressional Affairs focusing on E-Commerce and Internet public policy issues for the United States Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business organization. Prior to working at the Chamber, Rick was employed by the international law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP (WG&M) as the Director of Legislative Affairs. While at Weil, he advised and represented clients before Congress on a variety of legislative matters affecting the technology and telecommunications industries. From 1988 to 1993, he worked for U.S. Representative Joseph D. Early (D-MA) as an Associate Staff member to the House Appropriations Committee. While working for Representative Early, his primary responsibilities involved technology, telecommunications, tax, education, labor and related issues.

Rick's background includes creating the Modern Educational Technology Center (METEC) in 1993 and CyberSports, Inc. in 1994. METEC was an educational technology private-public partnership. CyberSports was a for-profit corporation which created the leading college and university sports recruiting software in the nation.

Rick has served in leadership positions on a variety of federal, state, local commissions and committees, including his participation as a member of the United States Trade Representative's Joint Government-Private Sector Committee on Experts on Electronic Commerce (Joint E-Commerce Committee). He also served on the Federal Trade Commission's Advisory Committee on Online Access and Security and the Virginia Attorney General's Online Safety Task Force. At the local level Rick served as chairman of the Montgomery County, MD Cable & Communications Advisory Committee (CCAC) working to develop the County's cable and communications policy.

He is one of the Executive Producers of the award winning documentary, A MOST BEAUTIFUL THING, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Horton's Kids, a community-based 501(c)3 whose goal is to empower at-risk children in Washington, DC and prepare them for college, career, and life through educational opportunities and comprehensive programs tailored to their needs.